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Subject: Petition Against the Duke Energy Rate Increase

Dear Commissioners:

As a Duke Energy electric customer, I encourage you to closely examine the Duke Energy electric rate proposal (2018-319-e) when it comes before you, Specifically, I am concerned that:

Duke Energy's proposal to increase the basic facilities charge, a fixed cost from \$8.29 to over \$28. This would make this mandatory fee one of the highest in the country and much higher than the other investor-owned utility in South Carolina which recently lowered its fixed cost.

The increase in this mandatory fee takes away customer control over my energy bill robs me of the full benefit of energy conservation efforts. It is important that you protect older consumers who may live on a fixed income.

Share your own thoughts with the SC Public Service Commission:

This is but another example of BIG COMPANIES preying on the "little people". Duke energy is always sending me information on how I can lower my energy bills. Now it seems that we, who follow those suggestions are now going to be punished for doing so. What is it going to take to get a fair shake in this state? Is it because the big CEO's needing more pay? If I continue to do those things that "lower" my energy usage, what good does that do, if I already owe Duke before I even turn on a light? BIG BAD DUKE ENERGY! SHAME ON YOU!!

Sincerely,
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